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Births.
BOURKE.—May 11, at her residence, No. 61, Botany-street, Seven Hills, the wife of Mr. Bourke, of a daughter.
FISHERMAN.—May 11, at Nelson, Wharf-road, Leichhardt, the wife of Fisher, of a son.
HANSON.—May 14, at her residence, 210, Dowling-street, the wife of Richard Hanson, of a son.
HUNT.—April 18, at her residence, the Post Office, Haymarket, Mrs. Hunt, of a son.
LEWIS.—May 8, at Lamborne, Upper William-street, North, the wife of W. de Courcy Lewis, of a son.
LLOYD.—May 4, at Woodlands, Anzac, Burwood, Mrs. T. J. Lloyd, of a son. Birth papers copy.
MILLION.—May 11, at her residence, Missgraves, Willoughby, Mrs. St. Leonard, the wife of J. J. Million, of a son.
WHITE.—May 8, at her residence, Good Hope-street, Glebe, Mrs. John White, of a son.
MARRIAGES.
CLIFFORD.—May 10, 1883, at Paul's, Redfern, by Rev. A. H. Stephen, M.A., Samuel John Clifford, of 10, Gloucester-street, Redfern, and Miss Clara Wilson, daughter of Captain Wilson, a second daughter of James Wilson, late of Gloucester.
DILLY-WARD.—April 7, by special license, at St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. Father Joseph S. Lawrence Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dilly, York-street, Sydney, to Mary Louise, third daughter of Mr. Patrick Ward, Surey Hill.
MAYNE-MOPPITT.—May 2, at St. Mary's, Waverley, by Rev. Stanley, Rev. Mr. Horace Haymer, youngest son of Captain Stanley, of a son.
MICHOLSON.—MURPHY.—May 7, by the Rev. J. A. Nolan, Rev. William G. Nicholson, youngest son of the late Rev. William Nicholson, Scotland, and Margaret Murphy, eldest daughter of Stephen Murphy, Gloucester, Wiltshire, England.
TROWELL-WHITE.—May 10, at 26, Wellington-street, Katie, wife of Mr. J. W. Trowell, Esq., Wellington, late of Brixton, Southwark, England, in Professor Trowell, late of Eltham, England. Home papers please copy.
Deaths.
AGNEW.—May 14, at his residence, Dunlop-street, Parramatta, Sydney, aged 49 years.
BROWN.—May 13, at his residence, 10, of swooping from one watery watch around a bed; but rest in the watery spirit.
BROWN.—May 11, at 11, Victoria-street, Liverpool, England.
COOPER.—May 11, at Tilney-street, St. Ann's-place, Perkshire, Rev. R. A. Louis Cooper, the fourth daughter of the late Rev. Henry Brown, and beloved sister of Mrs. William Cooper, Jun., of Sydney, aged 23 years.
DEAN.—May 11, at 27, Warrington, Runcorn-road, Jersey, Richard Ingram Dean, late 2nd Battalion 10th Lancers, eldest son and surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dean, of London, and Mrs. Richard Dean, of Liverpool, in his 60th year.
GILLES.—May 11, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. Beatty, Cooma, New South Wales, Margaret Gill, wife of the late Martin Gill, Sydney, aged 22 years.
HARVEY.—May 11, at his residence, 62, Castle-street, Paddington, Minnie Macpherson, youngest daughter of John and Margaret Harvey.
HILL.—May 10, at his residence, Osborne House, Miller's Point, James Merriman, in his 60th year.
HILDEBRAND.—In affectionate remembrance of our dearly beloved father, Thomas Hildebrand, who died on May 15, 1882, at the age of 80, leaving a large family to deplore their loss, but not forgotten.
HOGG.—April 25, at his residence, Bodawang, near Binalong, New South Wales, 62, after a long illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude.
HUTCHING.—May 14, at his residence, 198, William-street, Robert Hutch, beloved infant son of George and Frances E. Hutch, aged 11 months.
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OUR BRISBANE LETTER.

BRISBANE, MAY 11.

On Tuesday, evening the leader of the Opposition, pursuant to an announcement, met his constituents of North Brisbane, in the Town Hall. Half an hour before the advertised hour of commencement nearly everyone in the body of the hall was occupied. At 8 o'clock the Mayor of Brisbane, who presided, and Mr. Griffith ascended the platform from the ante-room, followed by 17 members of the Legislative Assembly, two or three ex-members, a section of the squatting party, and many other influential citizens. As the imposing representative procession marched across the platform, round after round of cheers rose from the audience. At least 1500 persons were present. The speech of Mr. Griffith was not an ordinary address by a member to his constituents. It was really the commencement of the general election campaign, and laid down in a formal manner the line on which the Opposition intend to assail the Government. For the first half-hour the speaker reviewed the principal political events of the last four years, and revived some of the burning questions and heart-bounding quarrels which many people would gladly have forgotten for ever. Perhaps it was natural for Mr. Griffith to revert to the action which "his sense of duty" had put it, had compelled him to take on certain matters of alleged mal-administration. His statement of self-judgment seemed to touch the sympathy of his audience. His remarks were judicious, modest, and quite devoid of sarcasm. When he came to the present condition of politics and the attitudes of parties, he was less reserved. He impeached the Government on their congenital absence of progressive, the inefficiency of their administration, and their inability to carry out the fundamental elements of their policy. "The man had failed, in spite of their pledges to supply the sugar-planters with adequate supplies of cheap coloured labour; not only so, but they had rendered abortive their negotiations with the East Indian Government by their insistence on a condition which Government could not possibly sanction. This, he maintained, they had done from policy, so as to secure a plausible excuse for neglecting that important item of their policy. The next essential feature of the Government policy was land-great railways. On that subject they were virtually defeated when they succumbed to party exigencies, and withdrew the Warrego Land-grant Railway Bill. They had failed, therefore, on the main point of their policy; they had lacked courage to test the opinion of the Assembly on the coolie labour question; and they had run away from the land-grant principle on the first occasion on which it was submitted to a vote of the House. "He maintained," he said, "that on all the important matters they brought forward the Government were defeated, and they were now in the position of a Government that could not carry their measures." Passing from criticism and censure to declaration, Mr. Griffith's policy is first of a negative character. He will oppose cheap, coloured labour, except of the kind now coming to the colony, i.e., South Sea Islanders. If any other kind of cheap labour were absolutely required, he would prefer Chinese to Indian coolies, because the Legislature can at times check, regulate, or stop the influx of Chinese. But coolies are our own fellow-subjects; they cannot even come to us without the permission of their own Government. When they have come and worked out their agreements, we cannot say you must return, or re-hire yourselves, or go to prison. On broad principles he objects to a servile race in a democratic country. They cannot be admitted to equal political privileges, yet the very Constitution implies that they ought to be. There cannot safely or consistently be servility in a land of free institutions and self-government. He instances Jamaica to show that "the Parliament had become debased, and a disgrace to the British Empire. The Imperial authorities had to step in and make the place a Crown colony, and that was a sad misfortune. If they ever introduced a servile race into the colony the free institutions could not exist. That was a political reason why coolies should not be brought here." Mr. Griffith admitted that it might be difficult to work large estates by exclusively white labour; but he was not unacquainted with large estates. He preferred "small estates and resident proprietors supervising their own work." On the trans-continent railway project Mr. Griffith was more diffident in his criticisms. It is not necessary to follow him. He had many objections to the project. It would not settle an agricultural population on the lands given to the syndicate, for at present such settlement was not practicable; there were no suitable waterholes or water-courses, and no reliable rainfall. The greatest objection of all was, the line was not wanted; all the demands for railway construction of the western country will be met by the gradual extension of the three trunk lines. When the line is really required, the colony can make it without requiring twice as much land for that purpose as the whole of the land alienated for all purposes during the last 20 years.

As to his own policy, it includes triennial Parliaments; payment of members; harbour improvements; payment of water where necessary; short railways where there is a prospect of paying traffic; the extension due west of the trunk lines as fast as circumstances may require, or credit may permit; encouragement to mining industry; a bountiful supply of European labour for all classes of employers; inducements in the form of land orders to bona-fide farmers who would pay their own passage, and good security of lease to pastoral tenants, who should thereby be encouraged to improve their runs by works of permanent utility, but he subject to occasional appraisement, so that the State might derive some adequate return from the land for the heavy outlay on railways which had greatly enhanced its value. The appraisement should, he suggested, be made by a tribunal sitting publicly. If he should be entrusted with the necessary power he would bring in a bill dealing thoroughly with the tenure and rents of squatters.

There has been a curious freak of administration perpetrated recently by the Minister for Lands. A week or so ago, he caused a letter to be written to the Mayor of Toowoomba, notifying that the control of the Botanic Gardens at that place would be transferred from the municipal corporation to the Surveyor-General, in whose hands is the management of the Botanic Gardens in Brisbane. It was hoped, he stated, that by this change more adequate results would be obtained from the expenditure of the annual vote from consolidated revenue. These are feasible reasons. The latter may have a sense of cynicism, and contain a reflection on the horticultural capacity of the mayor and aldermen of Toowoomba. But the Minister went further than this. He plainly stated that the step was taken mainly because of the disappearance of valuable plants during the last year, and of the public dissatisfaction which exists at the inefficient management of the gardens. If these allegations were true, they were bluntly put: if they were not true, they were extremely offensive. They imputed incapacity to the council and fraud to somebody.

The matter came before the council last Tuesday; grant of indorsement was expressed at the aspersions which had been cast on the members thereof. The ex-Mayor was highly indignant, for he considered that it failed his unhappy lot to bear the brunt of the assault, and he solemnly affirmed that he was quite independent of the Government and all its "valueless plants," and he would not permit any member of it to impugn fraud to him.

It does not seem likely that there will be a long session. I do not certainly know, and would hate to risk a prediction. He would, and so secure a working majority for the four or five remaining months of the present Parliament. It is not at all unlikely that an amendment on the address may be moved; there are yet mostly seven weeks in which the drift of opinion and the formation of attitudes may be watched.

The Premier's proverbial astuteness may again serve him effectively. General opinion seems to be that the Ministry is entrenched, and that the great feature of their policy—the trans-continent railway scheme—is practically dead. This may be continuing too much. The Government are bound by their pledges on that subject. Their great

mistake was made in refusing to appeal to the country for a verdict on the land-grant railway system after their virtual defeat on the Warrego Bill.

The new loan for two and a half millions has gone off successfully. We all breathe more freely. We shall not stagnate for lack of cash for the next three years. Mr. Drury has managed the business skilfully. He has gained *scars* by his success. How far this success may affect the policy of the Government I dare not assume to say. It utterly disproves the Premier's croaking about the exhaustion of our credit. It seems to indicate that we can borrow all the money we may need for judicious expenditure on all necessary extensions of our railway system without having recourse to syndicates, or alienating large areas of our land. The minimum of this loan was fixed at 91. The highest tender was 99. The total amount applied for was £2,634,000; or £154,000 in excess of the amount of the loan. The result is received with general satisfaction.

A singular incident has just occurred at Herberon. Mr. James Black, M.L.A., for Mackay, and champion of cheap black labour, has addressed an enthusiastic meeting of Herberon miners; he was escorted to the meeting by the leading spirits of the anti-coolie league. The brief wire message to hand does not say what the topic of his discourse was. The whole thing is mixed up. What may be in the wind baffle my politico-meteorological perception.

A new river has been discovered 124 miles north of Cooktown. More sugar land, also more land sharks!

The first announcement of the discovery was accompanied by 10 applications for selections, each of 1280 acres. This is the scandalous way in which our land is being alienated. Each of these selections ought to sustain a dozen families, and each would do it if diligently cultivated for sugar. Others are shutting out bona-fide agriculturists by conceding everything to big companies and hungry speculators.

Some interest, perhaps a little excited, has been caused by the arrival of three Malay priests. Mohammedan priests, who have come for the express purpose of performing certain religious ceremonies at the shrines of their co-religionists which are to be exported as souvenirs to Batavia. Mohammedans must not consume blood; the priest is required to see that the animal is properly bled, and to perform the prescribed rites at the death. Bled beef has to be blessed and sanctified before it is fit for the stomachs of the followers of the great Prophet of Mecca. It is a funny idea—priests in the slaughter-yard. Such prejudices, however, will have to be respected.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA.

A meeting of the provisional committee of the Geographical Society of Australasia took place on Friday evening, at the Free Public Library, to continue the discussion on the constitution of the society. Notwithstanding the unanimous consent of the members, Mr. Du Faur, F.H.G.C., took the chair at a quarter past 5. The secretary (Mr. E. Main-Méliot) read the minutes of the last meeting of the committee, which were confirmed. Provisional rules were adopted, and the constitution of the society already adopted was re-enacted, the whole of the articles should be read over again, so that necessary corrections be made, without however altering in any way the sense as previously adopted. This suggestion was adopted upon, and, after dealing with the first part of the constitution, the committee was then divided into two sub-committees and a general discussion and adoption.

It was then decided that the constitution as adopted be printed and circulated among the members of the committee.

Another meeting will take place on Friday next, 18th instant, to receive the minutes of the previous meeting, and to adopt a constitution for the society, and to elect the founders of the society. Steps will then be taken to obtain the co-operation of all who may feel an interest in the objects of the association, and local committees will be formed in the principal cities of the Australian colonies. In Sydney rooms will be secured in various parts of the city, and the members of the society will be invited to meet there.

The adjourned meeting of the Pioneer was first taken. Carl Carle, mate of the vessel when she was stranded, said that he was at the wheel when she went ashore; she steered from the bridge, and he had been on deck since 8 p.m.; she went ashore at 9.30 or 10 p.m. He had been on deck all night, and when he came on deck again at 6 a.m. the next morning he found the ship was still listing. The stock was computed to carry one sheep to a ton, and the crew had to go to the water to wash the sheep. The stock also suffered by not having drink regular times, as when they got to the water of the run they were sometimes days before getting to the water again, and they did not have time to wash the sheep. The stock was still listing when he came on deck again at 6 a.m. The reason was that the sheep had to be washed over to water. 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POSTAL CONFERENCE.

Mr. James Merriman, whose death we recorded yesterday, was one of a numerous class of colonists who fought their way upwards, and by steady, unswerving industry, aided by an indomitable spirit of enterprise, came into the front ranks of public and social life. He was born in Parramatta—a town rich in historical associations, and the birthplace of many of our most useful citizens—in the year 1817, during the era of Governor Macquarie, and about the time when the colony was taking advantage of the important discoveries of early explorers—Wentworth, Lawson, Oxley, and others—and was pushing its way westward and southward, to take possession of the large areas of country that had opened by exploration, new sources of wealth to its industrious and enterprising inhabitants. In early life he acquired those habits of perseverance and self-reliance which enabled him in later years to give greater scope to his enterprising spirit. About 30 years ago he became connected with our mercantile marine, and it was then that his more arduous and useful labours commenced. Within that period he was in partnership with the late Captain Fairbairn, the late Mr. William Andrews, and with Captain Jenkins. With Captain Fairbairn he carried on a whaling and mercantile trade extensively and successfully. With Mr. William Andrews he was associated for some years, and in conjunction with him opened up regular trading communication between Sydney and Wellington, Nelson and Lyttleton. In fact, he may be said to have been the pioneer in this intercolonial commerce. Subsequently he engaged very extensively in the beche-de-mare trade in the waters to the north of Australia. Fourteen or 15 years ago he founded the pearlshell industry in Torres Straits, and carried on operations up till within a year or two of his death. The anxieties of a business whose operations necessarily could not be conducted under the eye of the principal, laid the foundations of physical infirmity, which manifested itself with fatal effect as (considering the unanticipated good health he enjoyed almost throughout life) a not very advanced age. It is not, however, simply as the founder of important and profitable industries that Mr. Merriman had a public reputation. After frequent solicitation he, some fourteen or fifteen years ago, consented to allow himself to be nominated as alderman for Gipps Ward, and was successful at the poll. Since then he uninterruptedly represented the Ward in the City Council. On several occasions he was returned without opposition. During his life he always occupied the Mayoral-chair—namely, in 1873, 1877, and 1878. His election for the third time to the position of chief magistrate of the city was in itself a sufficient and gratifying testimony of the esteem and affection in which he was held by his fellow-citizens. His business connection with the officers of the Corporation were always of the happiest kind, and the mutual confidence existing between them contributed much to the successful conduct of our civic affairs during the three years of Mr. Merriman's official life. On the last occasion of his election to the chair, in December, 1877, Alderman Green, whom he had defeated in the race for the Mayoralty, remarked (we quote the observations as indicating the warm friendship that existed between the two men) "I have no objection to your being elected for Sydney." The Conference will meet for the last time this morning. The only business is to agree to a report, unless any new and unexpected business should arise; and thus evening the delegates from the southern colonies will have Sydney by special train for Albury.

The subject of the ceremony to celebrate the junction of the railway system of New South Wales with that of Victoria came under notice, and the committee of public works were called upon to take further information in relation to this matter will be found in another column.

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DINNERS TO THE INTERCOLONIAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Last evening the delegates attending the Postal Conference, with a number of other gentlemen, were entertained at dinner at Petty's Hotel by the Hon. Graham Berry, Chief Secretary of Victoria. Among those present were The Hon. Graham Berry, Hon. Alexander Stuart, Hon. J. L. Parsons, Hon. J. S. Dodds, Hon. F. A. Wright, Hon. John Robertson, Hon. G. R. Dibbs, Hon. J. B. Watt, M.L.C., Mr. J. C. Packer, Mr. T. W. Jackson, Mr. C. Todd, Hon. E. Barton, Hon. Sir John Hay, Hon. Sir Patrick Jenkins, Mr. James Watson, Mr. John Harris (Mayor of Sydney), Mr. C. G. Goodfellow, Mr. H. D. Dixon, M.L.C., South Australia; Rev. W. Currow, Mr. Alfred Bonnett, and Mr. L. J. Hartnett.

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After dinner, the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Governor" were honoured in the usual manner.

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It is gratifying to find that the visits of the inspector of nuisances have had some effect. They have been the means of teaching a lesson to some people who were much in need of being taught. But the question is whether any permanent reform will follow. Experience does not warrant confidence in that respect. Judging from what has happened before, this will be a nine days' wonder, and before long things will lapse into their former condition until there is another raid.

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The creation of a baronetcy in the CHAMBERS family will be welcome news to the intellectual world as to the family and city especially honoured.

It is recognition of ability, honesty, and energy, devoted to the best service of the State. Sir William Chambers is probably wealthy, but his

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Nor is it a reward of political services; he is an occasional strong word, for the side he

had to be right, WILLIAM CHAMBERS has not

been in that cause.

Nor has he been wise and

skillful in the manufacture of war instruments, or

skillful in the shedding of blood. His way in

life has been above all that. He was of the

first to open windows whereby the millions of

Great Britain might look into the world of

knowledge. He foresaw, and it may almost be said foretold, State education. The ob-

ject of the firm which, with his brother, he

formed and controlled, was clearly enough stated

in the title of one of their greatest books. It was

plainly "Information for the People."

Under the old system the people had been denied information,

unless they could purchase it at the golden rate,

which fashionable teachers or publishers de-

manded. The great gulf between the horn-book

and University education was unbridged.

The CHAMBERS family laid the foundation-stones of

the pier of that bridge. They went down to the

depths and found solid ground; they took

knowledge in hand as a thing not of necessity wedged, but with wit and sark, and cloisters and stu-

dies, but as the heritage of the people, as food pro-

vided for them by nature, but kept from them by

jealous or incompetent guardians. Naturally

they had followed when once the success of

the plan was assured. It may be that

they have been outpaced in the later heats of the

race, but it is just that they should have

honour as founders. Only one point seems to

call for regret; it is the indiscriminate character

of the title. Dr. MACFAIRN refused a knight

hood, probably because he would not merge his

academic title in an order that was not necessarily

of merit. Sir WILLIAM CHAMBERS, though often

in a higher place, might have raised a somewhat

similar objection. It may be conceded of an

order in which both would gladly join, and it

seems a desideratum that such an order should be

established in the English Court, and that it

should take a high place, but should not be

hereditary.

It is now many years since "combination tours" were first made from England to France. The pleasure and the advantage of such travel in due time made it worth while to managers to extend these tours to all parts of the Continent of Europe. To these were then added similar excursions through England and Scotland, and, for the first time in their lives, many persons thereby learned that their own country possessed haunts of interest, places of beauty, equal to any found elsewhere. To these present outings are now added, under the auspices of the P. and O. Company, arrangements for "combination tours" around the world. There was a time when the disposition to travel so far as that deemed to be eccentric, and the Northman who had a cordial similitude and the Southern Cross was so far a superior being. Now the disposition, if not more common, is not deemed peculiar, and can be more readily gratified. The need to be as great an impediment to want of money, of the danger of travel. We are far from annihilating time so far as communication is concerned, but the time now needed for an all-round-the-world trip is no more than most men require for occasional relaxation. The effect of a run over old historic countries is beneficial in more ways than one. Years ago many a Londoner did not believe in the existence of miles of country tenanted only by rabbits, and many an Englishman to day believes that Jerusalem is in the Bible only. And what is more to the point, there are tens of thousands of them who do not know that a passage to India or Australia can be made in steamships. It is the belief of some that Sydney is largely inhabited by aborigines, amongst whom it is popular to live. The ideas of many a colonist, about certain countries is to open to enlargement, if not correction, and it is possible to see in these arrangements for combination tours a chance to learn some more geography, cheap, sound, and advantageous to know. Probably they may conduct as much as almost anything else at present to a better feeling amongst the peoples of the globe. It is amusing to notice the surprise of a returned tourist at the fact that here, there, and everywhere he met with such a number of uncommonly nice people. A frequent indictment against Australian tourists is that they make gaudy displays of their wealth. Very likely. They have earned it, and may well be proud of it. But when they have seen a few pictures of Indian and European wealth, usually their vanity is somewhat sobered, and they come back to us all the better for the more exact estimate of themselves which travel has enabled them to form. We shall expect to see these combination tours become highly popular, as they deserve to be.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Imperial Parliament has adjourned over the Whitsun holidays. The Times, in a leading article, complains that the Gladstone Ministry have been pandered too much to the crotchetts of sections of their supporters, instead of pursuing a national policy; and the allies are said to be jubilant at what they regard as a diminution of the popularity of the Gladstone Government.

The Pope, we are told by one of our cablegrams of this morning, condemns the collection of money for further "rebellion" in Ireland. Joe Brady's brother has been arrested and committed for trial on a charge of complicity in the Phoenix Park outrage. Joe Brady was to be exonerated yesterday for the murder of Lord F. Cavendish and Mr. Burke. In connection with the recent trials, a number of Dublin tradesmen have received a number of circular warnings against dealing with juries who were engaged on the trials.

Mr. BRADLAUGH is holding public meetings in the Divisions, at which he is "investigating the whereabouts of

the Affirmation Bill, and denouncing the House of Commons as guilty of treason to the Constitution.

MISCELLANEOUS items of news by cable inform us that the venerable publisher, William Chambers, has been created a baronet. The Hygienic Exhibition at Paris was opened on Saturday. The project for the construction of a second Suez Canal is still finding favour. The false prophet of the Sudan has met with another serious reverse at the hands of the Egyptian troops. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in a speech at the Fishmongers' banquet, gives in celebration of the opening of the Fisheries Exhibition, expressed regret that the New South Wales court had suffered through the destruction of many things will lapse into their former condition until there is another raid.

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In response to a telegram sent by the Postal Conference to the Government of New Zealand urging the acceptance of that colony in the resolutions passed by the Conference with regard to the Postal Union, a reply was received last night in which it was stated that with the utmost desire to join in the Conference, the New Zealand Government did not see how that colony could at present acquiesce in joining the Postal Union.

The construction of the railway from Homebush to Waratah, which will connect the northern districts by railway with Sydney, will be commenced almost immediately. A tender for the first section of the line was accepted yesterday. The unsuccessful tenders are Messrs. Amos and Co., and the amount of their tender is £145,172 10s. 8d. This contract will cover that portion of the line between Homebush and the south bank of the Hawkesbury river, a distance of nearly 29 miles.

It has been decided that the banquet to be given at Albany to celebrate the junction of the railway systems of the two colonies of New South Wales and Victoria shall take place on Thursday, June 14, if that date will suit the convenience of the Governors of the two colonies, who are expected to be present. The banquet will be given in the engine-shed at Albany, which is being adapted for the purpose, and seats will be provided for about 900 persons. 450 of these will be New South Wales guests, and 450 guests from Victoria. As the expense of the entertainment is to be borne in equal proportions by the Governments of the two colonies they share the privilege of issuing the invitations. The room will be divided into two sections, A and B, each of which will hold 450 people, and it is suggested that in order to mix the people of the two colonies as much as possible, each colony should have 225 seats in each section. Every table will be conspicuously lettered, and every seat numbered, and an attendant will be stationed at the entrance of each section and at each table to indicate seats to guests. The invitation cards will indicate the section and number of each holder's seat. As the object of the banquet is a friendly interchange of sentiment between the two colonies, the guests will be seated that, if practicable, a Victorian guest will sit next a guest of New South Wales. Each table being provided with two end seats, this circumstance will be taken advantage of in the selection of two gentlemen—one a Victorian and one of New South Wales—who will divide the honour of the table in acting as hosts to their allotted number of guests. There will be about 180 waiters, and with regard to the catering, one section of the room will be supplied by caterers from Melbourne, and the other by caterers from Sydney. 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News has been received of the safety of the You Yangs (a.) at Frazer's Island.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, MONDAY.

Signor De Cesare has interviewed the Government with a view of introducing Maltese immigration.

The new Zoological Acclimatisation Gardens will be opened on the Queen's Birthday. The grounds adjoin the Botanic Gardens in lower North Adelaide.

Up to the present 1878 collectors have applied for remissions of interest under the Land Act, and 666 have surrendered their holdings.

Private telegrams report a heavy rainfall in the west, in the direction of Fowler's Bay. The rain is coming east. Probably we shall have another downpour, further brightening and clearing the harvest prospects.

During the last few months several gales at different times have escaped from the Industrial School at Magill. These made their escape on Saturday. They were all recovered to-day.

The Legislature has intimated respecting a suggestion made to him that in estimating the death-rate for the city that of the charitable institution should be excluded; that on that basis the death-rate of Adelaide for last year was only 19.35 instead of 27.50.

The City Council proposes that the Government be urged to erect ventilating tubes at the head of the junctions of main drains in the city, carrying the said ventilators up above the walls of adjoining premises.

It is intended to plant 15,000 trees on park lands this season.

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Frequent complaints have been made recently of the dilapidated character of the flagging in the principal streets; and the city surveyor has reported that £2100 will be required in repairing and repaving King William, Hindley, and Flinders streets.

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The Telephone Exchange was opened to-day. The clerks are to be in attendance day and night.

John Macnamara, well known to the police, broke into a house at North Adelaide this evening, and stole clothes and valuables. He was found by the police with the stolen articles in his possession. He attacked the constable, who, with the assistance of a bystander, arrested him after a struggle.

Mr. McArde, commission agent at Hamley Bridge, has had a warrant issued against him on charges of forgery by which he purposed defrauding a man named McGeorge of £800.

TUESDAY MORNING.

R. M. St. Barbeau arrived at Glenelg at 6 o'clock last night, and sailed for Melbourne at midnight.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The manager of the Black Jack Mining Company, under date May 4, advises:—"There is no change to report in mining. Western drive is in 14 feet, eastern drive 12 feet, and shaft 224 feet on present contract. Ore: I have only sent away 46 bags this week, and have 10 tons barged, with a large stock at glenelg. We have been in a great deal in the dunes on the way by rail."

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The following is a return of copper received at Darling Harbour station for the week ended 6th May:—From Newcastle, 167 tons; Narromine, 54 tons 20cwt.; Orange, 17 tons 60cwt.; Curraville, 1 ton 60cwt.; Vales of Clivedy, 13 tons; Blinman, 2 tons 10cwt. Total: 254 tons 6cwt.

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SURPLUS STOCKS.

Preliminary Announcement.

UNRESERVED SALE, THURSDAY, May 17,
of a large quantity of Barrels and Wrought and Cast Scrap Iron of
the best quality. Samples, &c.**DENT and PERRY** have received instructions from the
Commissioner for Railways to sell by public auction, on
THURSDAY, May 17, at 11 o'clock, at the Railway Station,
Refugee, 1000 barrels.

A quantity of casks

Wrought and cast scrap

Barrels, &c.

Also,

At Randwick, at 8.30 a.m.

A similar auction will be held in next Wednesday's Herald.

Terms, cash.

DENT and PERRY, Auctioneers,
27, George-street.

SOLD WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, at 11.

On account of those concerned.

225 ORW. NO. 1, BALE WHITE BLANKETS.

222-4 ORW. NO. 3, BALE WHITE BLANKETS.

JAMES RODD is instructed by those concerned to sell
by auction, at the Rooms, 7, Weymouth-street,
The above, with all faults, if any.

SOLD WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, at 11.

The BALANCE of Mr. D. BEMER'S STOCK, which did not
arrive in time for last week's
CLOTHING, BOOTS, &c.**JAMES RODD** will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 7
Weymouth-street.Various consignments of dryers and clothing, also
WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S.

FRIDAY, MAY 18.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, &c.
Consigned for clearance, by Mr. D. BEMER, who is leaving the
country.Also, a New Consignment of TOYS,
Glassware, and Fancy.**JAMES RODD** will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 7,
Weymouth-street.

The above.

Full particulars, Thursday.

Terms, cash.

CHARS, MOORE and CO. have been instructed by the
shippers to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 125, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, 15th instant, at 11 o'clock sharp.

183 packages of econome goods, comprising

Ladies' best lace kid button boots, M.M. 3 to 6

Ditto ditto, M.M. 4 to 7

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Auction Sales.

THIS DAY, MAY 15th.

PROPERTY SALE IN THE ROOMS,
Mills and Pile, by
MILLS AND PILE.

ORDER OF SALE.

PITTWATER AND HAWKESBURY RIVERS.

NORTH SHORE, FISHING-ROAD.

PETERHAM, FISHING-ROAD.

ULTIMO, Allen-street.

WAVERTLEY, Pitts Ultra Estate.

PETERHAM, Norwood Hill.

BURWOOD, Tennyson-parade.

LAWN FARM, PITTSWATER AND HAWKESBURY RIVERS.

SPLENDED BLOCK OF 640 ACRES,
by grant measurement.

4 MILES RIVER FRONTAGES.

MILLS and PILE have been instructed by the Trustees of the Estate to sell by auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Tuesday, MAY 15th, THAT MAGNIFICENT PROPERTY, extending from Pittwater and Cowan Creek, amounting to 640 ACRES, and by measurement probably 1000 ACRES, or the Lord knows how much more, FOUR MILES FRONTAGE TO DEEP WATER.

Registration of THIS PROPERTY is EXCELENTLY GRAND, situated as it is, opposite the ENTRANCE to the HAWKESBURY RIVER, and commanding views to the ocean, to the entrance of Brisbane Water, to Pittwater, to Cowan, and along the course of the Hawkesbury almost to the crossing-place for the railway to Newcaste, about 6 miles distant.

A large PLAN and VIEWS may be inspected at the Rooms. Terms liberal.

MORTON, SMITH, WESTGARTH, and SANDERS, Auctioneers.

THIS DAY,

PETERHAM.

AT THE ROOMS, PITTS-STREET.

8 DETACHED COTTAGES.

NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION.

MILLS and PILE have received instructions from the proprietor to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, THIS DAY, Tuesday, MAY 15th, THAT 8 DETACHED COTTAGES,

SHREWDEN, BURNETT'S LAKE, and HOMEDALE.

each built of brick, stone, and slate, and containing wide hall, large dining and drawing room with double doors, kitchen, scullery, laundry, and a back kitchen, supply of water.

Each stands on a block of land having

40 FEET FRONTAGE TO FRASER-STREET,
by a depth of 100 feet, situated in front by iron palisading, and enclosed in front by iron palisading, Terms (federal) at sale.

Title, Torrens Act.

For particulars apply to

MILLS, BURNETT, FISHER, and ROLFE, Auctioneers.

THIS DAY.

At the risk of a former purchasing,

NORTH HILL, PETERSHAM.

8 CORNER LOTS, OXFORD-STREET,
AND VICTORIA-STREET.

IN THE ROOMS, 114, PITTS-STREET.

MILLS and PILE will be sold, by auction, in the Rooms, THIS DAY, Tuesday, May 15th, THAT A VALUABLE CORNER SITE,

JUNCTION OF OXFORD AND VICTORIA STREETS,
50 feet 2 inches frontage, 50 x 6 depth.

Also

the Adjacent ALLOTMENT,
with 50 feet 2 inches frontage to Victoria-street, and a

TRIANGULAR BLOCK IN THE REAR,
having 50 feet frontage to Oxford-street.

Terms at sale.

THIS DAY.

SPLENDED HOUSEHOLD ESTATE,
NORTH SHORE.

DETACHED COTTAGE, PITTSY-STREET.

TERACE OF HOUSES, WHALING-STREET.

MILLS and PILE have received positive instructions from the proprietor to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, 114, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m.

The above described property is now producing a sum of £2000 per annum.

THIS DAY,

10 HOUSES,
built of brick on stone foundations, with pitched roof, each containing 4 rooms and kitchen.

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THE LYS GAR ESTATE,
GRANVILLE.

The SALE of the above is PONTEONED
to a future date.

MILLS and PILE, Auctioneers.

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TERACE of 10 HOUSES,
ALLEN-STREET, ULTIMO.

RECE LET AT 15s WEEKLY.

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Terms, at sale.

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ON THE GROUND.

MILLS and PILE will be sold, by auction, on the Ground, NEXT SATURDAY, May 19, at 2:30, 64 VALUABLE ALLOTMENTS, on the above lots.

10 HOUSES FRONTING THE RIVER,
10 HOUSES FRONTING ILIANKA-ROAD, 6 LOTS FRONTING ADDISON-ROAD, 15 to 20 feet frontages, of depths of over 150 feet.

50 lots in Whistler-street have second frontages to Meeks' Whistler-street, and those in Iliankra-ROAD back on to the above lots.

ATTRACTIVE CLEARANCE SALES,
SUNDAY, MAY 20th.

LIBERAL TERMS,

TITLE, READY.

MILLS and PILE.

SATURDAY, MAY 20th.

ELIZABETH FARM,
PARMAHATTA.

SECOND SUBDIVISION,
COMBINING 10 ACRES,
embracing the

WHOLE OF THE TOWN LOT,
between the present end of George-street and the fresh-water arm of the river.

ALL THE MAIN RIVER FRONTAGES,
from the Cudah Factory to the Boundary stone Point, next the Camella Gardens, taking in all the old Garden and Orchard.

EXTENSIVE TRAMWAY FRONTAGES.

The First Portion of
THE AVENUE,
which will extend 152 feet in width for two MILES, along

the river, and will pass through the Estate, and will contain 6 rooms, front and back, and 2 rooms, front and back verandah, kitchen with scullery, bathroom, wash-house, with copper, &c. Abundant supply of good water.

GRAND AVENUE IN ANY TOWN IN THE COLONY FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

2 CHAINS WIDE THE WHOLE LENGTH.

MILLS and PILE have been instructed by S. A. Phillips, Esq., to sell by auction, on the Ground, on SATURDAY, THE SECOND SUBDIVISION

WELL-KNOWN ELIZABETH FARM ESTATE,
comprising 100 acres, of the immediate

TOWN PORTION OF THE ESTATE,
commencing close to the Queen's Wharf, and taking in about

1 MILE OF MAIN RIVER FRONTAGE,
high above any road, with well-wooded land.

The only extensive lots of
LEVEL FRONTAGE,

on the most important side of the river placed on the market since 1810, and none equal to these

WATER FRONTAGES.

The present subdivision has been planned in the same approved style as the first subdivision, not one lot of which remains un-sold, and is, in fact, a copy of the

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TORRENS TITLE. NO MORTGAGE.

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